BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Agreement with M/I Schottenstein Homes, Inc. for the Transportation of Natural Gas.

Case No. 99-1700-GA-AEC

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") is a public utility and natural gas company subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission by virtue of the provisions of Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03(A)(6), Revised Code. M/I Schottenstein Homes, Inc. ("M/I") is a home construction company with construction locations in Franklin, Delaware, Licking, Union, Fairfield, and Pickaway counties.
- (2) On December 22, 1999, Columbia and M/I entered into a Transportation Agreement for Columbia to provide natural gas transportation service to facilities owned by M/I to serve its construction sites located throughout Ohio. Columbia acts as transporter for gas delivered onto their system by M/I and redelivered to M/I's sites as defined in the contract. This arrangement was for an initial one-year term and continuing year to year thereafter, until terminated by both parties.
- (3) Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. ("IGS") supplies the gas to M/I on a firm basis under this transportation agreement.
- (4) The Commission has reviewed the application under the provisions of Section 4905.31, Revised Code, and finds that the transportation agreement is reasonable and in the public interest and should be approved.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the request for approval of a Transportation Agreement between Columbia and M/I is granted. It is, further,

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ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent investigation or proceeding involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

OEDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon Columbia and M/I.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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